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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16, 17 and 23-25 are pending in the application. In the 12/17/2003 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-2 and 8-10, and rejected claims 16, 17, and 23-25. In this amendment claims 16, 17, and 23-25 are cancelled. No new matter has been included thereby.

Having thus amended the application, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 408-474-1634.

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